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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Review of HSCA Draft and Final Report

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1. [] and I met with Mr. Blakey for about three hours yesterday morning. Other memoranda will report separate subjects. This one will cover the essential points discussed concerning Agency review of the HSCA preliminary draft reports and the final reports.

2. Assuming that we agree on how to review the preliminary reports, we could begin to see them within the next week or so. The way in which Blakey proposes that this be done is outside the provisions of our Memorandum of Understanding. The five-day time limitation would not apply. The final report would be handled within the five-day time limit, and the other provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Blakey is talking as though we will not see the final report until February. Considerations arising from the February date will be treated in a separate memorandum. The present memorandum will concentrate on the proposed preliminary reports.

3. The motivation for the proposal is probably mixed. We have begun to demonstrate our readiness to take issue on a series of detailed specific subjects speaking in a number of instances at an unclassified level. Whether the HSCA staff expected our corrections and refutation is not clear, but it does tend to question the credibility of the HSCA work to this point on certain issues. Mr. Blakey states that he wants to be sure that his report is factually accurate and to insure this he is prepared to give us an opportunity to speak prior to the time that the reports are put in their final form for the Committee. He wants to know in advance what subject matter causes us a problem from the point of view of classification. He wants the advantage of our factual corrections. And he certainly wants to know our disagreements, where we do disagree, and the basis for them.

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